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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

John J. Vrablik

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 November 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the axis of the cylindrical body of claim 1 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected replacement drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claim 4 is objected to because of the following informalities: In line 3, "face" should be --faces--. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by either Geiger et al. (Geiger) (Fig. 1) or Pusateri et al. (Pusateri) (Figs. 1 and 2). Each of the references shows an airway airtight structure of a pneumatic tool comprising a main body having a body section (3 in Geiger and 12 in Pusateri), a cylindrical chamber formed in the body section, an inlet (4 in Geiger and 21 in Pusateri) formed in a

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predetermined position of a wall of the chamber for communicating with an incoming passage of the pneumatic tool; a cylinder member (15 in Geiger and 31 in Pusateri) having a hollow cylindrical body coaxially accommodated in the chamber, a wall of the cylindrical body being spaced from the inlet; and a connecting section (10, 12 in Geiger and between ports 21 and 36 in Pusateri) positioned in a position where an opening of the inlet is directed, the connecting section being sandwiched between the cylindrical body and the wall of the chamber, the connecting section including two mating bodies mated with each other, a connecting face being positioned between the opposite mating ends of the mating bodies, the connecting face being inclined from the axis of the cylindrical body by a predetermined inclination angle, a connecting airway (20 in Geiger and 36 in Pusateri) being formed on the mating bodies and extending through the connecting face to communicate with the inlet as claimed.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Pusateri. The reference further shows one of the mating bodies being a projecting loop (around port 36) formed on the cylindrical body corresponding to the position of the inlet (claim 5), and one of the mating bodies being formed on the wall of the chamber around the inlet (21) (claim 6).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 4 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John J. Vrablik whose telephone number is (703) 308-2629. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion can be reached on (703) 308-2623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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